

# 2023 Rainbow Book List

## Introduction

The 2023 Rainbow Book List Committee is honored to announce this year's list. Composed of over 190 books for young readers from birth to age 18, the 2023 list represents an array of diverse stories and identities representing the LGBTQIA+ youth experience in books published from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

The importance of this list (and others like it) cannot be understated, especially in a time when we are seeing a record number of efforts to ban both materials and support for LGBTQIA+ young people and their families. It is our hope that our efforts to identify appealing and high quality queer books for youth will help young people, librarians, educators, and caregivers of all kinds to connect our readers with information and stories that are critical to their well being and growth. The suppression of these books is a detriment to all youth, and we cannot ignore the damage these challenges are having on the young people in our society. We know that there are individuals who will try to censor these books, but we offer this carefully curated list to the multitude of youth advocates working in our communities to connect young readers to the books that they so desperately need. This collection of titles is an invitation for all readers to create a more welcoming future for everyone.

It has been encouraging to see the increase in quality queer titles being published each year, and with that in mind, the 2023 committee has continued to offer two top ten lists. The *Top Ten Titles for Young Readers* are intended for young people from birth to middle school, and the *Top Ten Titles for Teen Readers* are for a young adult audience. Within the annotated list, an asterisk (\*) indicates that a title has been selected for one of the top ten lists.

On behalf of the 2023 Rainbow Book List Committee, thank you for your interest in this list. We hope that it will connect readers of all ages and identities to the queer voices and experiences that many are trying to silence.

The Rainbow Book List is brought to you by the [Rainbow Round Table](#) of the American Library Association. This year's committee researched and evaluated over 550 titles in order to find some of the best queer books written for children and teens. Members of the 2023 Rainbow Book List are: Amanda Melilli (Chair), University of Nevada, Las Vegas -Teacher Development & Resources Library (NV), Karina Andrus, Fountaindale Public Library (IL), Mariel DePalma, Baldwin Public Library (NY), Jess Geiss, Stanislaus County Library (CA), Paige Harp, Missouri State University, Meyer Library -Educator Resources (MO), Hayley Morgenstern, New Orleans Public Library (LA), Cecilia Pasqualicchio, The Ocean County Library (NJ), Jennifer Powell, Arcadia Elementary, Tuscaloosa City Schools (AL), Molly Saunders, ALSO Youth (FL), Katy Schorling, Colorado State Penitentiary (CO), Isaiah West, Prince George's County Memorial Library System (MD), Dawn Zimmerer, Madison County Library System (MS), Jenna Ingham (Administrative Assistant), Verona Public Library (NJ)

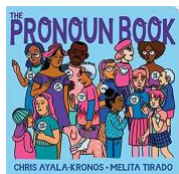
## 2023 Top Ten Titles for Young Readers



## 2023 Top Ten Titles for Teen Readers



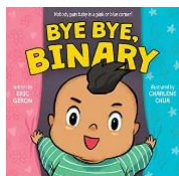
## **Preschool**



*Board Book, Nonfiction, Ages 0-3*

**Ayala-Kronos, Chris and Tridado, Melita (illustrator). *The Pronoun Book*. 2022. 26p. Clarion Books/HarperCollins. \$8.99 (9780358653158).**

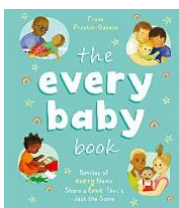
Age appropriate introduction to pronouns.



*Board Book, Fiction, Ages 0-4*

**Geron, Eric and Chua, Charlene (illustrator). *Bye Bye, Binary*. 2022. 24p. HarperFestival/HarperCollins. \$8.99 (9780063215146).**

A board book introducing a baby who refuses to let gender norms dictate what they like.



*Board Book, Nonfiction, Ages 0-5*

**Preston-Gannon, Frann. *The Every Baby Book: Families of Every Name Share a Love That's Just the Same*. 2022. 30p. Harry N. Abrams/ABRAMS. \$10.99 (9781419756641).**

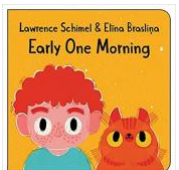
Follow different families as they go about their daily routine from breakfast to bedtime.



*Board Book, Fiction, Ages 0-2*

**Schimel, Lawrence and Brasliņa, Elīna. *Bedtime Not Playtime!* 2021. 16p. Orca Book Publishers. \$10.95 (9781459826731).**

A rhyming goodnight story featuring two dads who must save bedtime from the antics of the family dog.



*Board Book, Fiction, Ages 0-2*

**Schimel, Lawrence and Brasliņa, Elīna. *Early One Morning*. 2021. 16p. Orca Book Publishers. \$10.95 (9781459826700).**

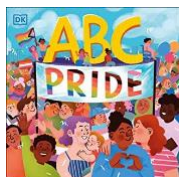
A young boy wakes up before his moms and sister, but not his cat, in this rhyming board book.



*Board Book, Nonfiction, Ages 1 - 4*

**Wai Lin, Josephine and Lopez, Sandy (illustrator). *Whoever You Are: A Baby Book on Love & Gender*. 2022. 24 p. The Collective Book Studio. \$12.95 (9781951412944).**

A book that celebrates unconditional love between caregivers and their new baby.

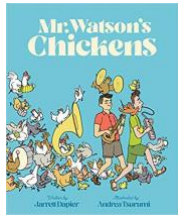


*Picture Book, Nonfiction, Ages 3-5*

**Stowell, Louie, Barnes, Elly, and Phelps, Amy (illustrator). *ABC Pride*. 2022. 32p. DK Children/Penguin Random House. \$12.99 (9780744063172).**

Celebrate the colorful and diverse world of Pride with supportive language learning.





*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 3-5*

**Dapier, Jarrett and Tsurumi, Andrea (illustrator). *Mr. Watson's Chickens*. 2021. 48p. Chronicle Books. \$17.99 (9781452177144).**

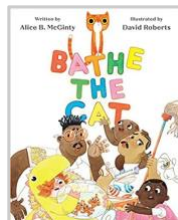
Mr. Watson's chicken family has grown exponentially! When his partner, Mr. Nelson, threatens to leave him, he must figure out how to find them new homes. With one accident, the chickens escape and must be found. With detailed illustrations, and almost too many chickens to count, readers will be taken on a wacky, feather-filled adventure of love.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 3-5*

**Macias, Maryann Jacob and Marley, Alea. *Téo's Tutu*. 2021. 32p. Dial Books/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9781984815521).**

Teo must decide between silver pants or a tutu for his big dance recital.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 2-6*

**\* McGinty, Alice B., and Roberts, David. *Bathe the Cat*. 2022. 48p. Chronicle Books. \$17.99 (9781452142708).**

Grandma's coming for a visit, so everyone needs to pitch in. But somehow, the list of chores keeps getting mixed up in ridiculous combinations. A silly rhyming read featuring a mixed family with two dads.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 3-5*

**Membrino, Anna and Ruiz, Joy Hwang (illustrator). *My Moms Love Me*. 2022. 32p. Orchard Books/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$17.99 (9781338811964).**

A rhythmic rhyming read aloud perfect for storytime from the perspective of a young kid sharing the day with their mom and mama.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 2-5*

**Mihaly, Christy and Murray, Sheryl (illustrator). *Patience, Patches!* 2022. 32p. Dial Books/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593108291).**

Patches the puppy must learn patience when his moms bring home a new baby.

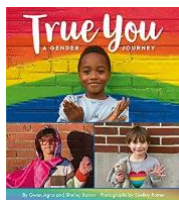


*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 2-5*

**Neilson, Emily. *The Rainbow Parade*. 2022. 32p. Dial Books/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593326589).**

Emily attends her first Pride Parade, but gets nervous when her mom suggests joining it.

## Early Elementary



*Picture Book, Nonfiction, Ages 4-8*

**Agna, Gwen and Rotner, Shelley. *True You: A Gender Journey*. 2022. 48p. Clarion Books/HarperCollins. \$18.99 (9780063240469).**

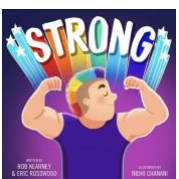
This photographic picture book shows a variety of kids and their gender identities.



*Picture Book, Nonfiction, Ages 4-8*

**Grimm, Gavin, Lukoff, Kyle and Yang, J. (illustrator). *If You're a Kid Like Gavin*. 2022. 40p. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. \$18.99 (9780063057562).**

When Gavin's school takes away his right to use the bathroom of his choice, he takes a stand.



*Picture Book, Nonfiction, Ages 4-8*

**Kearney, Rob, Rosswood, Eric, and Chanani, Nidhi (illustrator). *Strong*. 2022. 40p. Little Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette Book Group. \$17.99 (9780316292900).**

A picture book autobiography of Rob Kearney, the first openly gay strongman. Over the course of his life, Kearney discovers that he can be true to himself and do the sport he loves with the support of his husband.



*Picture Book, Nonfiction, Ages 4-8*

**Kingsley, Jessica and Milton, Jem (illustrator). *The Big Book of Pride Flags*. 2022. 48p. Jessica Kingsley Publishers. \$17.95 (9781839972584).**

Learn about 17 different Pride flags in this vibrant and informative picture book.



*Picture Book, Nonfiction, Ages 4-8*

**Sanders, Rob and Christoph, Jamey (illustrator). *Stitch by Stitch: Cleve Jones and the AIDS Memorial Quilt*. 2021. 40p. Magination Press/American Psychological Association. \$17.99 (9781433837395).**

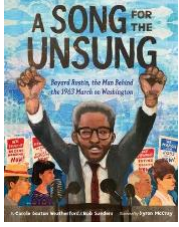
Learn about Cleve Jones and his creation of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in 1987.



*Picture Book, Nonfiction, Ages 5-12*

**Sanders, Rob and Kalda, Sam (illustrator). *The Mother of a Movement: Jeanne Manford -- Ally, Activist, and Founder of PFLAG*. 2022. 40p. Magination Press/American Psychological Association. \$16.99 (9781433840203).**

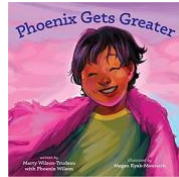
After her son is attacked by New York City officials for handing out pro-gay leaflets, Jeanne Manford has the idea to form the group that would become PFLAG.



*Picture Book, Nonfiction, Ages 6-10*

\* **Weatherford, Carole Boston, Sanders, Rob and McCray, Byron (illustrator). *A Song for the Unsung: Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the 1963 March on Washington*. 2022. 40p. Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)/Macmillan \$19.99 (9781250779502).**

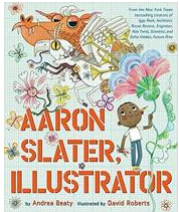
A biography about Bayard Rustin, the gay Black man who organized the March on Washington in 1963.



*Picture Book, Nonfiction, Ages 6-8*

**Wilson-Trudeau, Marty, Wilson, Phoenix, and Kyak-Monteith, Megan (illustrator). *Phoenix Gets Greater*. 2022. 24p. Second Story Press/Orcia Book Publishers. \$21.95. (9781772602531).**

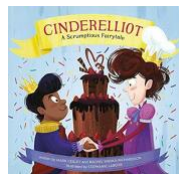
With the help of his supportive family, Phoenix learns about Two Spirit/Niizh Manidoowag people in Anishinaabe culture.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 4-7*

**Beaty, Andrea and Roberts, David (illustrator). *Aaron Slater, Illustrator*. 2021. 40p. Harry N. Abrams/ABRAMS. \$18.99 (9781419753961).**

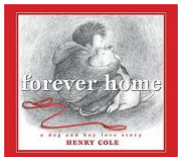
A young boy dreams of being a writer, despite his struggles with dyslexia. With the help of his moms and teacher, his dream is well within reach.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 4-8*

**Ceilley, Mark, Smoka-Richardson, Rachel, and Laberis, Stephanie (illustrator). *Cinderelliot: A Scrumptious Fairytale*. 2022. 32p. Running Press Kids/Hachette Book Group. \$17.99 (9780762499595).**

A gay retelling of Cinderella. Cinderelliot loves baking, so, when Prince Samuel announces a competition to join the royal staff as his baker, Cinderelliot wants to compete. Unfortunately, his ungrateful step siblings cause trouble. Enter his fairy godfather, Ludwig. At the bake-off, Prince Samuel falls in love with Cinderelliot's cake, but Cinderelliot has to run off as the clock strikes midnight, leaving behind his chef hat. Will Prince Samuel find his mysterious baker?



*Picture Book, Fiction - Wordless, Ages 4-8*

**Cole, Henry. *Forever Home: A Dog and Boy Love Story*. 2022. 48p. Scholastic Press/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$18.99 (9781338784046).**

A little boy wants to show his dads that he is ready for the responsibility of owning a dog. An abandoned dog is lonely and looking for a home. Will they both find who they are looking for?



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 3-7*

**Cornwall, Gaia. *The Best Bed For Me*. 2022. 32p. Candlewick/Candlewick Press. \$17.99 (9781536207156).**

Mama tells Sweet Pea that it is bedtime, but Sweet Pea isn't ready yet. Ignoring Mama's attempts to get them to sleep, Sweet Pea is busy imagining themselves

sleeping like various animals. In the end, Sweet Pea knows that their bed is the best way for them to sleep.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 5-8*

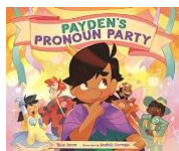
**Dale, Laura Kate and Qing, Ang Hui (illustrator). *Me & My Dysphoria Monster*. 2022. 40p. Jessica Kingsley Publishers. \$17.95 (9781839970924).** Nisha's Dysphoria Monster was small, but whenever she is referred to as a boy or has to hide her true self, the monster grows larger and larger. Soon the monster is like a dark cloud over Nisha. Her parents introduce her to Jack, a trans man with a dysphoria monster of his own, who teaches Nisha how to shrink her own monster to a more manageable size.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 3-6*

**Donovan, Sam, Wixted, Kristen and Tobacco, Violet (Illustrator). *Miss Rita, Mystery Reader*. 2022. 40p. Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781250774767).**

Tori's class is having a special mystery reader! Tori knows who it is--Miss Rita, their dad's drag persona. As Tori helps their dad get ready, they get nervous about what the class will think of Miss Rita. But with a little help from Miss Tori Teller, everything goes smoothly.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 4-8*

**Jaryn, Blue and Cornejo, Xochitl (illustrator). *Payden's Pronoun Party*. 2022. 32p. Page Street Kids/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781645675587).**

Payden isn't so sure about using he/him anymore and wants to find pronouns that are a better fit. Payden's journey leads to asking different friends about their pronouns and ends in a party to celebrate whatever pronouns Payden chooses.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 3-7*

**\* LaCour, Nina and Juanita, Kaylani (illustrator). *Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle*. 2022. 32p. Candlewick/Candlewick Press. \$17.99 (9781536211511).**

A little girl has to deal with the loneliness she feels when her Mommy goes away on a trip. No matter what fun things she and Mama do, the wait for Mommy to come back feels like forever.

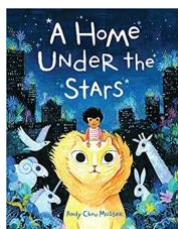


*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 4-12*

**Malone, C.K. and Barajas, Alejandra (illustrator). *A Costume for Charly*. 2022. 40p. Beaming Books/1517 Media. \$18.99. (9781506484051).**

After Charly struggles to find a Halloween costume that matches who they are, they get creative.

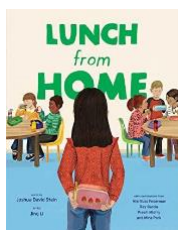




*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 4-8*

**Musser, Andy Chou. *A Home Under the Stars*. 2021. 40p. Little Bigfoot/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9781632173270).**

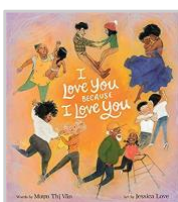
Toby's family just moved to the city which he finds confusing and overwhelming. Despite the comfort of his mothers, Toby's angry - especially since he can't see the stars he loves at night anymore. One night he discovers a lion who is also looking for something. Together they meet and help more celestial animals until Toby realizes his stars will always be there no matter what.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 3 - 6*

**Stein, Joshua David and Li, Jing (illustrator). *Lunch From Home*. 2022. 40p. Rise X Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593384459).**

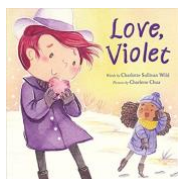
When Preeti brings dhokla cake topped with vagar for lunch, they're made fun of for their food choices. Mina is also bullied for bringing her gimhap for lunch, as is Niki for her lox bagel, and Ray for his burrito. By Friday, everyone at school is eating sandwiches. But eating only sandwiches can get boring, so soon Preeti, Mina, Niki, and Ray are bringing back their favorite foods and standing up to their classmates.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 4-8*

**Văn, Muộn Thị, and Love, Jessica (illustrator). *I Love You Because I Love You*. 2022. 32p. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780062894595).**

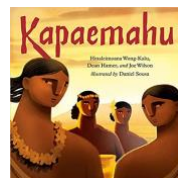
Love is powerful but not always easy to describe. This picture book shows diverse families expressing the many reasons they love each other.



*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 4-8*

**Wild, Charlotte Sullivan and Chau, Charlene (illustrator). *Love, Violet*. 2022. 40p. Farrar, Strause and Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9780374313722).**

Mira is the only person in school who makes Violet shy and nervous. But when Valentine's Day rolls around, she works up the courage to take the opportunity to make her feelings known.

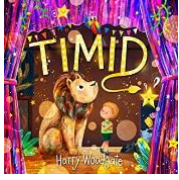


*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 4-8*

**Wong-Kalu, Hinaleimoana, Hamer, Dean, Wilson, Joe, and Sousa, Daniel (illustrator). *Kapaemahu*. 2022. 40p. Kokila/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593530061).**

A dual-language story in both Olelo Niihau and English about the Mahu, healers from Tahiti who were neither male nor female. They settled in Waikiki to teach the native Hawaiians their healing wisdom. Their history has since been nearly erased.

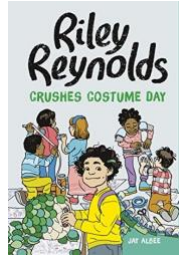




*Picture Book, Fiction, Ages 4-8*

**Woodgate, Harry. *Timid*. 2022. 32p. Little Bee Books. \$18.99 (9781499813050).**

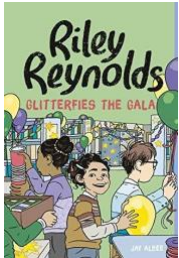
Timmy is a performer, but they have an inner lion that scares away their confidence. When Timmy has to perform in the school play, a new friend helps them confront their lion and overcome their stage fright.



*Early Chapter Book, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**Albee, Jay. *Riley Reynolds Crushes Costume Day*. 2022. 64p. Stone Arch Books. \$23.99 (9781666344042).**

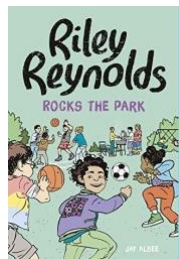
Fourth grader Riley and their friends are excited to dress up as their favorite book characters at school. When Riley sees that some kids are having trouble coming up with the perfect costume, they jump in to save the day with some creative ideas.



*Early Chapter Book, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**Albee, Jay. *Riley Reynolds Glitterfies the Gala*. 2022. 64p. Stone Arch Books. \$23.99 (9781666344073).**

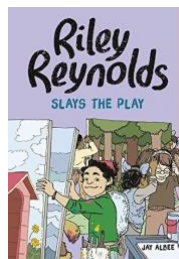
Riley's Mama is throwing a gala to raise funds to fix the library's elevator. Riley is there early with their family and friends to decorate and set everything up. Putting together a gala is a lot of work. Riley hopes it's successful.



*Early Chapter Book, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**Albee, Jay. *Riley Reynolds Rocks the Park*. 2022. 64p. Stone Arch Books. \$23.99 (9781666344059).**

Riley spends a day with their friends at their favorite park and discovers firsthand how even a little park without fancy equipment can bring their community together.

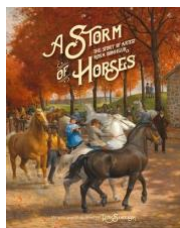


*Early Chapter Book, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**Albee, Jay. *Riley Reynolds Slays the Play*. 2022. 64p. Stone Arch Books. \$23.99 (9781666344066).**

There isn't much time left before the fourth grade play, and Riley sees that a lot of their classmates need help to avoid a disastrous performance. Riley puts their problem solving skills to the test to make sure the show goes on without a hitch.

## Upper Elementary



*Picture Book, Nonfiction, Ages 6-12*

**Sanderson, Ruth. *A Storm of Horses*. 2022. 40p. Crocodile Books/Interlink Publishing. \$19.95 (9781623718480).**

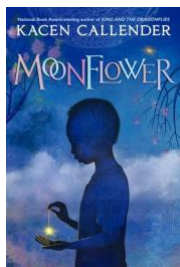
A picture book biography on French artist Rosa Bonheur who broke societal rules to create world famous paintings depicting the power and untamed beauty of horses.



*Fiction - Mystery, Ages 10-12*

**Bury, Katryn. *Drew Leclair Gets a Clue*. 2022. 288p. Clarion Books/HarperCollins. \$16.99 (9780358639602).**

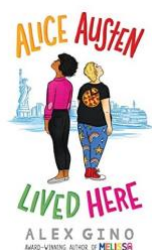
Drew Leclair wants to be just as great a detective as her hero, Lita Miyamoto. But when the latest mystery involves cyberbullying posts about her mother running away with her guidance counselor, Drew wants to get to the bottom of it quickly, before all of her secrets are exposed. But the lines between being a good detective and being a good friend start getting really blurry when Drew has to investigate her own friends.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 9-12*

**\* Callender, Kacen. *Moonflower*. 2022. 272p. Scholastic Press/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$17.99 (9781338636598).**

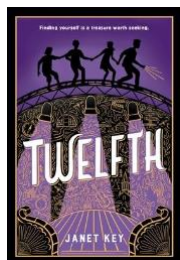
Moon escapes their crushing depression each night by journeying into the spirit world, where they explore new dimensions with their friend Wolf. In our world, Moon struggles with their mom's frustration with their nonverbal sadness, therapy that feels useless, and their new class, where they are haunted by memories of past bullying. In this stunning work of magical realism, Moon discovers that love and kindness can exist in any world.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 9-12*

**Gino, Alex. *Alice Austen Lived Here*. 2022. 176p. Scholastic Press/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$17.99 (9781338733891).**

When Sam and TJ, two nonbinary best friends, are assigned a project on local history, they insist on finding a queer historical figure from Staten Island. In the process, they learn about queer identity in the past and present and the importance of queer representation for everyone.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**Key, Janet. *Twelfth*. 2022. 368p. Little Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette Book Group. \$16.99 (9780316669313).**

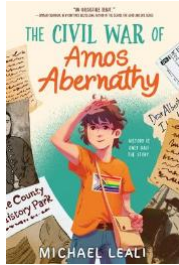
When Maren is sent to a summer theater camp, a place her outgoing older sister loved and where Maren doesn't feel like she belongs, she finds herself caught in the middle of a mystery involving a missing diamond ring from a dark time in Hollywood's history.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-14*

**Kleckner, Sabrina. *The Art of Running Away*. 2021. 256p. Jolly Fish Press/North Star Editions. \$9.99 (9781631635779).**

Maisie is angry to find out she has been sent to Scotland while her parents are dealing with financial trouble surrounding their art shop. But when her runaway brother, Callum, shows up at her Aunt's door asking to get to know her, Maisie decides he is her best chance to save the shop. But the more Maisie learns about her brother, the more she realizes that life may not be as black and white as she once thought.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**\* Leali, Michael. *The Civil War of Amos Abernathy*. 2022. 304p. HarperCollins. \$16.99 (9780063119864).**

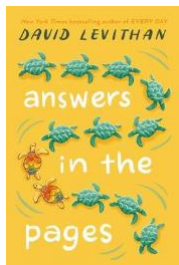
History buff and reenactor Amos has a chance to create a new exhibit for the living history park where he volunteers. When he discovers the story of Albert Cashier, a transgender civil war soldier, he makes it his mission to bring attention to little known historic LGBTQIA+ people. Along the way he learns about all kinds of people left out of the history books and what it means to be an ally to people who are different from him.



*Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 8-12*

**\* Lee, Yoon. *Tiger Honor*. 2022. 256p. Rick Riordan Presents/Hachette Book Group. \$16.99 (9781368055543).**

After Sebin gets accepted into the Space Forces in hopes of becoming a battle-cruiser captain like their uncle, their ship is taken hostage. They must rise to the occasion to restore their family's honor, in this action-packed sci-fi adventure inspired by Korean mythology.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**Levithan, David. *Answers in the Pages*. 2022. 176p. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593484685).**

When Donovan's mother challenges a book his class is reading, he is caught in the middle of a censorship war. Is he brave enough to stand up to his mother's harmful actions even if he knows she's doing what she thinks is best?

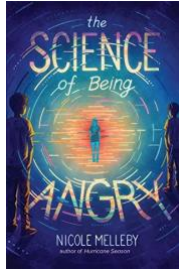


*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 10-12*

**Lockington, Mariama J. *In the Key of Us*. 2022. 368p. Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan. \$16.99 (9780374314101).**

Andi's feeling lost after the death of her mother, and even more so at Harmony Music Camp where she's one of a few black kids. When she begins to connect with Zora, one of the most popular girls at camp, the two realize they have a lot to discover about themselves from each other.

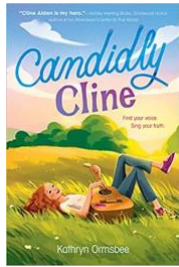




*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 9-12*

**Melleby, Nicole. *The Science of Being Angry*. 2022. 288p. Algonquin Young Readers/Workman. \$16.95 (9781643750378).**

Joey gets angry, uncontrollably angry. A lot. Her outbursts have already caused her to lose her best friend (and possible crush?), but when she gets her family evicted, she knows she doesn't have long before she's rejected by her family as well. Since no one else in her family has this issue, Joey thinks the answer must lie with the genetic donor that her mothers used to have her and her brothers. If she finds him, will she find the answers she needs to be like everyone else?



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**Ormsbee, Kathryn. *Candidly Cline*. 2021. 320p. HarperCollins. \$16.99 (9780063059993).**

Cline has always dreamed of being a singer / songwriter. When she has the opportunity to attend a workshop at a local community college, she meets Sylvie. Cline begins to fall for Sylvie and struggles to find a way to express her own identity.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 8-12*

**\* Oshiro, Mark. *You Only Live Once, David Bravo*. 2022. 384p. HarperCollins. \$16.99 (9780063008151).**

David is cursed. As he struggles his way through middle school and searches for how to describe his transracial adoption to his peers, David finally wishes for a do-over. Yet, he really didn't think it would come true, especially in the form of a timeline traveling, talking dog named Fea. As they hunt down when and what went wrong in the past, David and Fea make discoveries neither was looking for.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 9-12*

**Reese, Jenn. *Every Bird a Prince*. 2022. 256p. Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)/Macmillan \$17.99 (9781250783448).**

Seventh grader Eren's world changes when she saves a magical talking bird. She soon learns of a battle raging in their forest kingdom against the evil wolfish frostfangs, whose whispers of fear and despair are creeping into her world. Now, in addition to figuring out why she doesn't share her friend's romantic feelings and dealing with her mom's slimy new boyfriend, Eren must become a champion and save her world.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**\* Sass, A.J. *Ellen Outside the Lines*. 2022. 336p. Little Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette Book Group. \$16.99 (9780759556270).**

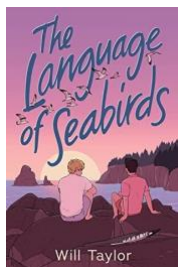
Ellen functions best when things are planned out and there are no surprises, so when the itinerary for a school trip to Barcelona changes and she finds herself separated from her best friend, Ellen struggles to cope. Yet, meeting new friends, especially her new non-binary classmate, provides Ellen with opportunities to expand her world and learn more about herself.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**Stamper, Phil. *Small Town Pride*. 2022. 272p. HarperCollins. \$16.49 (9780063118782).**

When Jake's dad hangs a large pride flag on their front yard in small town Barton Springs, OH, the mayor begins to receive complaints. Jake wants to know why can't they hold a pride festival in Barton Springs? Jake knows he'll have to get approval from the town council, and the mayor won't be on his side. Now the mayor's son, Brett, wants to spend time with Jake. Can Jake trust that Brett, as cute as he is, isn't in league with his mom, the Mayor?



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 8-12*

**Taylor, Will. *The Language of Seabirds*. 2022. 256p. Scholastic Press/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$17.29 (9781338753738).**

After his parents divorce, Jeremy and his father spend two weeks at his uncle's cabin in a small town on the Oregon coast. Jeremy knows he is gay, but is scared to tell his father and uncle. When Jeremy meets Evan, who helps run his grandma's store, the two boys have their first summer romance.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**Thompson, Lin. *The Best Liars in Riverview*. 2022. 336p. Little Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette Book Group. \$16.99 (9780275930912).**

Aubrey and Joel never feel like they fit in, so they find refuge in making pretend plans to run away. When Joel does go missing one day, Aubrey realizes that he might have been more serious about leaving than they realized, and it's up to them to track down their missing best friend.



*Fiction - Paranormal, Ages 8-12*

**Van Otterloo, Ash. *A Touch of Ruckus*. 2021. 240p. Scholastic Press/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$17.99 (9781338702033).**

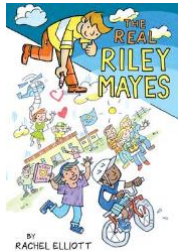
Tennie feels that it's her responsibility to keep her family stress free and peaceful, so there is no way that she's going to tell them that she can see people's memories by touching objects. When she moves in with her grandmother in order to help out her family, she's guiltily relieved to be free from the drama and chaos. Then she meets Fox, a new non-binary friend who drags her into a world of ghosts and paranormal experiences. Tennie knows she must keep her family safe, but is that possible without sharing the family's painful secrets?



*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 8-12*

**Crewes, Eleanor. *Lilla the Accidental Witch*. 2021. 240p. Little Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette Book Group. \$24.99 (9780316538848).**

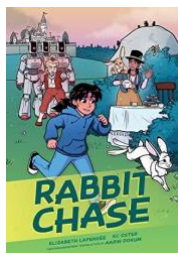
Lilla discovers a lot about herself on a summer trip to visit her aunt in Italy- including that she's a witch. When an ancient witch threatens to ruin her summer, she'll have to make a life-changing choice.



*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**Elliott, Rachel. *The Real Riley Mayes*. 2022. 224p. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins. \$21.99 (9780062995759).**

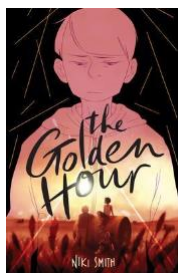
There is only one thing Riley Mayes loves more than drawing: comedian Joy Powers! When the class is assigned a letter-writing project, Riley is excited to write to her hero. With the help of Cate and new kid Aaron, Riley learns more than just how to write a good letter.



*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 8-12*

**Lapensée, Elizabeth, Oster, KC (illustrator), and Dokum, Aarin (Translator). *Rabbit Chase*. 2022. 120p. Annick Press. \$19.99 (9781773216201).**

Aimée joins their class on a trip to honor the Anishinaabe water spirits. When Aimée wanders off, they're transported to an alternate dimension where they must help the Trickster fend off the dark spirits, all while battling the Land Queen and her robotic minions.

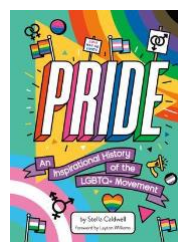


*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8-12*

**Smith, Niki. *The Golden Hour*. 2021. 256p. Little Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette Book Group. \$24.99 (9780275960155).**

Manuel has always loved photography, but after witnessing a violent attack at school, Manuel suffers from PTSD and uses his phone's camera as an anchor when he dissociates. A school photography assignment has Manuel paired up with new friends Caysha and Sebastian, who both show animals for Ag-Club. As Manuel helps Sebastian raise his calf, the two grow closer.

## **Middle School**



*Nonfiction - Informational, Ages 10-13*

**Caldwell, Stella. *Pride: An Inspirational History of the LGBTQ+ Movement*. 2022. 128p. Penguin Workshop/Penguin Random House. \$14.99 (9780593382943).**

Interspersed with interview profiles of queer teens and new adults, this LGBTQ+ history book starts by looking into queer content in ancient myths and follows LGBTQ milestones into the modern era. Profiles on notable figures like Anne Lister, Oscar Wilde, Audre Lorde, Martha P. Johnson and Harvey Milk are included.



*Nonfiction - Autobiography, Ages 8-12*

**Rapinoe, Megan. *One Life: Young Readers Edition*. 2021. 272p. Razorbill/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593203415).**

In this memoir adapted for young readers, Rapinoe describes her journey to become both a professional soccer player and an activist. She identifies as a part of the LGBTQ community in the book and her identity is an integral part of her story.

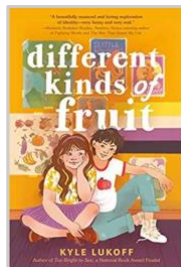




*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 10-12*

**Clark, Zack Loran. *The Lock-Eater*. 2022. 368p. Dial Books/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9781984816887).**

Melanie Gate has a talent for being able to open anything, regardless of what locks or magic stand in her way. When a mysterious gearling named Traveler appears at her orphanage seeking to adopt a child to be a witch's apprentice, Melanie is selected due to her penchant for magic. Faced with the adventure of a life-time, Melanie travels the kingdom and discovers secrets about herself—like the fact that she likes girls—and where she came from.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 10-14.*

**\* Lukoff, Kyle. *Different Kinds of Fruit*. 2022. 320p. Dial Books/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593111185).**

Annabelle is excited to have a new kid, Bailey, join her sixth-grade class. The two quickly become friends, but whenever Annabelle brings up the nonbinary Bailey to her parents, they start acting weird. When Bailey meets Annabelle's parents, Annabelle is shocked at how rude her parents are to Bailey. Annabelle fears her parents are homophobic and transphobic and is scared about what that might mean for their relationship as Annabelle questions her own identity. But in truth, her father may have more in common with Bailey than Annabelle thinks.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 10-12*

**Machias, Jules. *Fight + Flight*. 2022. 400p. Quill Tree Books/ HarperCollins. \$16.99 (9780063053946).**

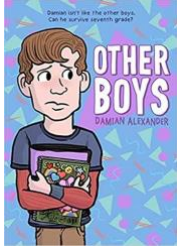
Avery loves speed, thrills, and riding her dirt bike, but ever since her diagnosis of hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, she's afraid of no longer being able to do the activities she loves and being a burden to her moms. Avery's crush, Sarah, is also dealing with fear. In the months since her aunt passed away, Sarah's been having debilitating panic attacks. When a traumatic active shooter drill occurs at school, the girls grow closer and work through their fears together.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 8 -14*

**Medina. *The One Who Loves You the Most*. 2022. 256p. Levine Querido/Chronicle Books. \$17.99 (9781646140909).**

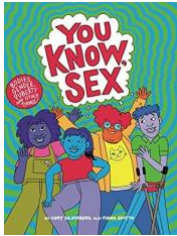
Gabriela is trying to figure out their place—within their all white family, their own body, and social groups at school. A new group of friends might be just what they need to begin to figure it all out.



*Graphic Novel, Nonfiction - Memoir, Ages 10-14*

**Alexander, Damian. *Other Boys*. 2021. 208p. First Second/Macmillan. \$21.99 (9781250222824).**

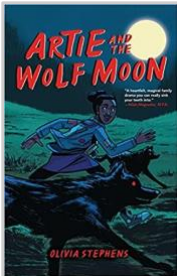
Memoir of the author's seventh grade year. After being bullied at a previous school, he decides to not talk and try to be invisible. Over the course of the year, he ventures out of invisibility, makes friends, and questions his sexuality.



*Graphic Novel, Nonfiction - Informational, Ages 10-14*

**Silverberg, Cory and Smyth, Fiona. *You Know, Sex: Bodies, Gender, Puberty, and Other Things*. 2022. 432p. Triangle Square/Penguin Random House. \$29.95 (9781644210802).**

A comprehensive graphic guide for teens on nearly everything they need to know about sex. Includes discussions on relationships, consent, and body differences with a diverse cast of characters, and questions to spark conversations with peers and caregivers.



*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 12-15*

**\* Stephens, Olivia. *Artie and the Wolf Moon*. 2021. Graphic Universe/Lerner Publishing Group. \$16.99 (9781728420202).**

Artie is excited to discover she comes from a family of werewolves. Her mom relies on their community to help Artie learn about being a werewolf and her father.

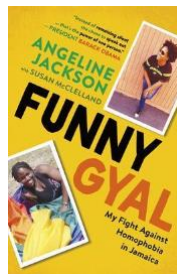
## Young Adult



*Nonfiction - Informational, Ages 14-17*

**Dawson, Juno. *What's the T?* 2022. 336p. Sourcebooks Fire/Sourcebooks. \$19.99 (9781728254067).**

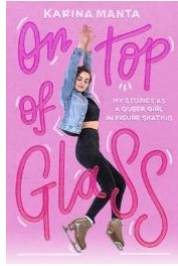
A guide for teens that discusses trans and nonbinary experiences which explores different identities, relationships, sex, and more.



*Nonfiction - Memoir, Ages 14-18*

**Jackson, Angeline and McClelland, Susan. *Funny Gyal: My Fight Against Homophobia in Jamaica*. 2022. 232p. Dundurn Press/Ingram Publisher Services. \$18.99 (9781459750586).**

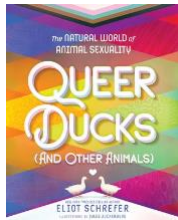
Angeline Jackson recounts the discovery of her lesbian identity within the Evangelical Christian community in Jamaica, a country where homosexual sex is criminalized. Her quest for justice for her "corrective rape" at the hands of an online predator is a brutal and inspiring journey to personal empowerment in the face of systemic prejudice.



*Nonfiction - Memoir, Ages 12-17*

**Manta, Karina. *On Top of Glass: My Stories as a Queer Girl in Figure Skating*. 2021. 336p. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593308462).**

Karina Manta captured the hearts of the world with her performance at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. She also became the first female figure skater on Team USA to come out as queer. Karina's memoir tackles the trials and tribulations of being an elite athlete, eating disorders, relationship issues and more. Karina fearlessly, and honestly, discusses her struggles with coming out (including coming to terms with her own sexuality), panic disorder, and body image issues.



*Nonfiction - Informational, Ages 14-17*

**\*Schrefer, Eliot and Zuckerberg, Jules (illustrator). *Queer Ducks (and Other Animals): The Natural World of Animal Sexuality*. 2022. 240p. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780063069497).**

Queer behavior is completely natural and can be found throughout the animal kingdom. This title dives into research on same-sex sexual attraction between various animals such as ducks and geese, bottlenose dolphins, Japanese macaques, and bulls, as well as highlighting animals that change sex and engage in polyamorous relationships. Written with humor, this informative text is interspersed with comics of queer animals.



*Anthology - Fiction, Ages 13+*

**Davis, G. Haron (editor), Montgomery, Cam (editor), and White, Adrienne (editor). *All Signs Point to Yes*. 2022. 336p. Inkyard Press/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9781335418623).**

In this diverse anthology, each short story by popular young adult authors corresponds with a different Zodiac sign to tell a unique romance, spanning genres and identities to celebrate all kinds of love.

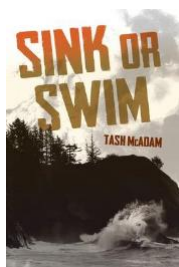


*Anthology - Science Fiction, Ages 13-17*

**Mitchell, Sandra (editor). *Out There: Into the Queer New Yonder*. 2022. 464p. Inkyard Press/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9781335425898).**

The third and final entry in editor Sandra Mitchell's queer short story anthology series features science fiction pieces from familiar and up-and-coming young adult authors, all of which center queer identities and relationships in fantastic and innovative sci-fi worlds.





*Hi-Lo - Adventure, Ages 12+*

**McAdam, Tash. *Sink or Swim*. 2021. 112p. Orca Book Publishers. \$10.95 (9781459828513).**

What starts out as a fun date turns into a night of survival as trans teen Bass and his girlfriend Rosie find themselves shipwrecked after a brutal storm. Now they must work together to save themselves before they succumb to injury and dehydration.



*Hi-Lo - Science Fiction, Ages 12-17*

**McAdam, Tash. *The Ooze*. 2022. 96p. Orca Book Publishers. \$10.95 (9781459828483).**

First, black ooze drips from the nose and ears. Then, people start eating other beings. Now, trans-teen Bran must figure out how to survive.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14+*

**Aceves, Aaron H. *This is Why They Hate Us*. 2022. 400p. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99 (9781534485655).**

Quique, a bisexual, Mexican American teen, has one goal for summer, and that is to get over his crush by way of hookups. When things get messy, Quique realizes that getting over someone by getting under others isn't the best idea.



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 13-18*

**Adler, Dahlia. *Home Field Advantage*. 2022. 304p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$19.99 (9781250765840).**

Amber McCloud is heading into Junior year with a singular goal: make cheer captain next year. Popular and peppy, Amber is likely to achieve her dream, until Jack Walsh, the new female quarterback, arrives at Atherton High. Jack is an amazing athlete, but Jack's teammates aren't pleased with the new female addition to the team. As Amber and Jack grow closer, Amber must decide whether or not to stand up for Jack and potentially lose the popularity needed to be cheer captain.



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 14-17*

**Albertalli, Becky and Silvera, Adam. *Here's to Us*. 2021. 480p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9780063071636).**

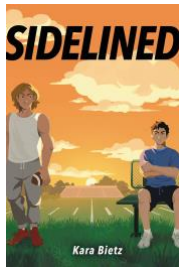
College students Arthur and Ben reconnect in New York after falling out of touch after briefly dating in high-school two years prior. Arthur is happy with his boyfriend Mikey and working towards achieving his theater dreams as an intern for an off-Broadway show. Ben is also seeing someone new, and is even thinking about relocating to L.A. But when fate throws Ben and Arthur together again, their feelings for each other rekindle.



*Fiction - Thriller, Ages 14+*

**Barrow, Rebecca. *Bad Things Happen Here*. 2022. 352p. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99 (9781534497436).**

The island of Parris is cursed. First, the curse came for her best friend. Now, it has come for her sister. With the help of her mysterious new neighbor and her ex-crush, Luca must figure out who killed her sister before the curse comes for her, too.



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 14+*

**Bietz, Kara. *Sidelined*. 2021. 304p. Little Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette Book Group. \$17.99 (9780759557512).**

Things are pretty simple for Julian. He lives and breathes football, and he knows that it's the only way for him to escape small-town Texas. When Elijah, his former maybe-more-than-a-best-friend, re-enters his life, life becomes anything but simple as old feelings start to rush back.



*Fiction - Paranormal, Ages 14-17*

**Bovalino, Tori. *Not Good for Maidens*. 2022. 352p. Page Street Kids/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781645674665).**

The women in Lou Wickett's family have a dangerous history with the Goblin Market that thrives under the streets of York. When Lou's youngest aunt, Neela, is captured by Goblins, Lou must learn how to face the temptations and terrors of the Market if she wants to get herself and Neela out alive.



*Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 14-18*

**Brauning, Kate. *The Ballad of Dinah Caldwell*. 2021. 368p. Page Street Kids/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781645673125).**

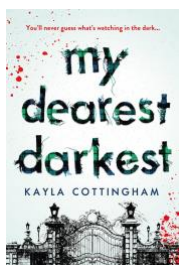
In a post-apocalyptic future, Dinah Caldwell finds her mother dead after an altercation with Gabriel Gates over the well on her family's land. Gates wants to use the well for his own profit, and Dinah knows that Gates has the force and brutality to take what he desires. Now homeless and alone, Dinah finds herself plotting revenge against Gates and his men.



*Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 12-18*

**Brown, Erik J. *All That's Left in the World*. 2022. 352p. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780063054974).**

A deadly virus has killed off the majority of the world's population. When Andrew stumbles into Jamie's home while injured, Jamie hesitantly nurtures him back to health, but Andrew isn't the only one lurking outside. When a dangerous group demands rations, the two head south in hopes of finding safety.



*Fiction - Horror, Ages 14-18*

**Cottingham, Kayla. *My Dearest Darkest*. 2022. 368p. Sourcebooks Fire/Sourcebooks. \$10.99 (9781728236414).**

On the way home from her audition for a scholarship to competitive Ulalume Academy, Finch Chamberlin and her parents get in a horrific accident. The accident should have killed Finch as it did her parents, but instead Finch escaped unscathed, except for her slowed heartbeat, cold skin, and white-blond streaked hair. When Finch transfers to Ulalume months later, she meets ultra-popular Selena St. Clair and her friends, and together they accidentally summon a creature of immense power that will grant their wishes—for a price.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14-18*

**Couch, Robbie. *Blaine for the Win*. 2022. 336p. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99 (9781534497467).**

What is the best way to both get back at your ex-boyfriend for dumping you on your anniversary for not being “serious” enough and just get him back in general? It’s running for class president of course! The issue is that Blaine is an artist not a politician, but with the help of some friends, he sets out to prove he’s the man for the job.



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 12-17*

**Dugan, Jennifer. *Melt With You*. 2022. 320p. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593112564).**

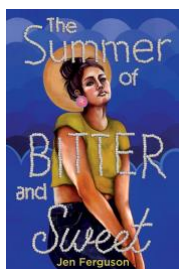
Former best friends Fallon and Chloe hooked up a year ago, and due to a series of misunderstandings, are no longer speaking to each other. Their mothers, who co-own an ice cream business, need both of them to take the ice cream truck on a road trip to a festival, so they are forced together to work through their issues while making sure the event goes smoothly and as planned.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 12-17*

**Emezi, Akwaeke. *Bitter*. 2022. 272p. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593309032).**

Bitter attends a special art school, but outside, the city of Lucille is full of inequality, oppression, and discord. Bitter must figure out if her special talents have a place in the revolution and at what cost.



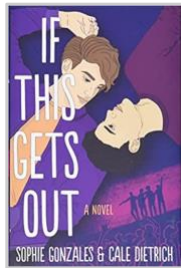
*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 13+*

**\* Ferguson, Jen. *The Summer of Bitter and Sweet*. 2022. 384p. Heartdrum/HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780063086166).**

Lou, a Métis teen in Canada, is working for the summer at her family’s ice cream shop with her best friend who is only focused on her future travel plans, her ex who always made her feel uncomfortable, and King who she hasn’t seen since she caused a rift in their friendship. Lou has a lot on her shoulders dealing with threatening letters from her biological father, repairing her friendship with King,



and confronting her past. When things get too much, can Lou learn to open up and ask for help?



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 13-18*

**Gonzales, Sophie and Dietrich, Cale. *If This Gets Out*. 2021. 416p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781250805805).**

Ruben, Angel, Zach, and Jon are best friends and members of Saturday, one of the most popular boy bands in the United States. Now on their first European tour, Ruben and Zach discover their feelings for each other, but Saturday's management team wants them to keep their relationship a secret.



*Fiction - Paranormal, Ages 13-18*

**Gould, Courtney. *The Dead and the Dark*. 2021. 384p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781250762016).**

Logan and her two fathers (who are reality TV ghost hunters) move to Snakebite, OR to chase their next story. While there, Logan and Ashleigh attempt to uncover the hidden evil in the town while also falling in love.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14-18*

**Graziadei, A.L. *Icebreaker*. 2022. 320p. Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)/Macmillan \$18.99 (9781250777119).**

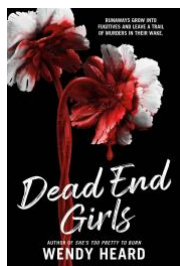
Icebreakers explores the rivals to lovers trope. Mickey and Jaysen are rivals for the number one NHL Draft Pick. Once they learn to set aside rivalry, love has a chance to bloom.



*Fiction - Paranormal, Ages 14+*

**Hartl, Sonia. *The Lost Girls: A Vampire Revenge Story*. 2021. 256p. Page Street Kids/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781645673149).**

A girl gang of vampires attempt to end the life of their ex and sire, Elton, but things get complicated when Holly, the 1980s paramour of Elton, falls for Elton's current love interest, the human girl, Parker.



*Fiction - Thriller, Ages 14-18*

**Heard, Wendy. *Dead End Girls*. 2022. 336p. Christy Ottaviano Books/Hachette Book Group. \$17.99 (9780316310413).**

Maude and Frankie fake their own deaths to escape their overbearing family resulting in a cross-country adventure to start their new lives.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 12+*

**Horan, Molly. *Epically Earnest*. 2022. 208p. Clarion Books/HarperCollins. \$18.99 (9780358566137).**

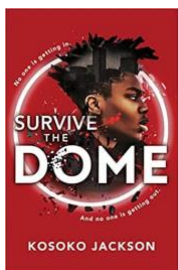
Jane Worthing's last year of high school is shaping up to be more eventful than expected. While dealing with the prospect of meeting her biological family and protecting her innocent cousin from her charming best friend Algie, can Jane manage to pull off an epic promposal to sweep her longtime crush off her feet?



*Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 14+*

**Hutchinson, Shaun David. *Howl*. 2022. 432p. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99 (9781534470927).**

After Virgil's parents divorce, he and his father move in with his paternal grandparents. In their small town, Virgil is attacked by a monster, but no one believes him. Abandoned by his boyfriend, friends, and parents, and bullied by his new classmates, Virgil struggles with PTSD alone.



*Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 14-18*

**Jackson, Kosoko. *Survive the Dome*. 2022. 352p. Sourcebooks Fire/Sourcebooks. \$18.99 (9781728239088).**

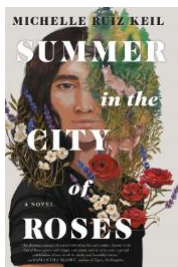
When a protest over police brutality breaks out in Baltimore, Jamal packs up his camera in hopes of using his journalism skills to document the event. Little does he know that the city will go on a militarized lock down; no one in and no one out. With the help of some new friends, Jamal is determined to bring about change.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14+*

**June, Jason. *Out of the Blue*. 2022. 384p. HarperTeen/HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780063015203).**

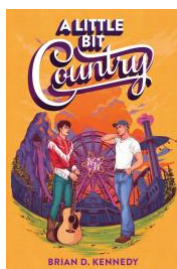
All teen merfolk must take the Journey: living on land for one moon cycle and helping a human. At the end of the moon cycle the merfolk teen can decide to stay on land or return to the sea. Crest is not excited about their Journey. They have no desire to be human or live on land. But when Crest meets Sean, they're drawn to him, and decide to fulfill their Journey by helping Sean win back his ex-boyfriend.



*Fiction - Magical Realism, Ages 14+*

**Keil, Michelle Ruiz. *Summer in the City of Roses*. 2021. 336p. Soho Teen/Soho Press. \$18.99 (9781641291712).**

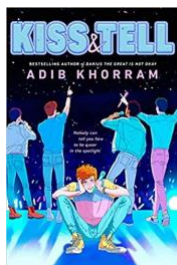
Iph cannot believe her father has betrayed the family by sending her sensitive brother, Orr, away to a wilderness boot camp while their mother is at an artist residency program. In her distress, she runs off and meets George, a non-binary Robin Hoodesque teen who agrees to help her find her brother. However, Orr is not as helpless as the family believes him to be, and soon the two siblings find themselves on their own magical journeys to discover themselves.



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 13+*

**Kennedy, Brian D. *A Little Bit Country*. 2022. 352p. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780063085657).**

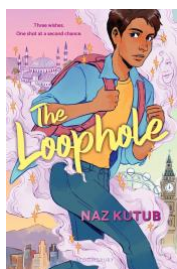
Emmett wants nothing more than to be the first gay country superstar, which leads him to Wanda World and a summer performing gig. Luke, who is still in the closet, just wants to help his family pay the bills even if Wanda Jean betrayed his grandmother. As the two get closer, they discover Wanda Jean might have some secrets of her own.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14+*

**Khorram, Adib. *Kiss & Tell*. 2022. 384p. Dial Books/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593325261).**

As the only gay member of the boy band, Kiss & Tell, Hunter is expected to behave a certain way, but Hunter isn't sure how to act the part of a queer role model. With a painful breakup, leaked sexts, and a budding romance with a member of their opening act, Hunter has a lot on his plate in this swoon worthy romance.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 13+*

**Kutub, Naz. *The Loophole*. 2022. 336p. Bloomsbury YA/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781547609178).**

With the help of a stylish and drunk socialite djinn who has three wishes to offer, timid Sy embarks on a globe hopping journey to track down and win back his ex-boyfriend Farouk.



*Fiction - Horror, Ages 14+*

**\* La Sala, Ryan. *The Honeys*. 2022. 352p. PUSH/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$18.99 (9781338745313).**

Genderfluid teen Mars is haunted by the violent and mysterious death of his twin sister Caroline. Determined to discover why his sister died, Mars enrolls in Aspen Summer Camp, where Caroline would go every year. There he meets the Honeys, the group of glamorous girls from Cabin H who attend to the beehives behind their cabin. Caroline was a Honey, and Mars believes the girls know more about her death than they're letting on. But as the summer wears on, Mars finds that while he's distrustful of the Honeys, he still wants to be one.



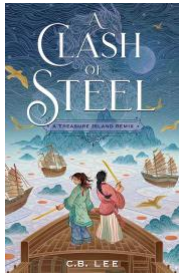
*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 12-18*

**Lamb, Sacha. *When the Angels Left the Old Country*. 2022. 400p. Levine Querido/Chronicle Books. \$19.99 (9781646141760).**

Uriel the angel and Little Ash the demon decide to leave their tiny shtetl in search of the baker's daughter who hasn't been heard from since she left. The two meet up with Rose, a young woman determined to travel to the US despite the girl she's in love with staying behind to marry someone else. Together, they



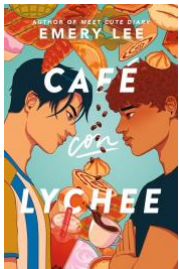
make their way through the immigration experience, helping others along the way.



*Fiction - Adventure, Ages 13-18*

**Lee, C. B. *A Clash of Steel: A Treasure Island Remix*. 2021. 432p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781250750372).**

This remix of *Treasure Island* is set in the late nineteenth century in the South China Sea and follows Xiang, a smart and adventurous girl ready to prove to her mother, an entrepreneur, that she is capable of following in her business footsteps. But when a heirloom pendant is revealed to be a partial map to the treasure of the notorious Dragon Fleet by a sailor girl named Anh, Xiang joins her crew to find the treasure and prove her abilities to her mother.



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 13+*

**Lee, Emery. *Café Con Lychee*. 2022. 320p. Quill Tree Books/ HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780063210271).**

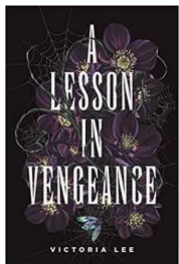
Rivals Theo and Gabi must work together to save their families' respective food businesses as fresh feelings emerge between the two in this enemies to romance novel.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 13+*

**Lee, Lyla. *Flip the Script*. 2022. 304p. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780062936936).**

When Hana lands the lead role in a new K-drama, all of her acting dreams have come true. But then the ratings aren't high enough, and the director pressures her to enter a fake dating relationship with her co-star. The drama ramps up even more when her rival joins the show—the rival she may or may not have a crush on.



*Fiction - Paranormal, Ages 14+*

**Lee, Victoria. *Lesson in Vengeance*. 2021. 384p. Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593305829).**

Felicity returns to the Dalloway School the year after her girlfriend's death to continue her research into the Dalloway Five, five students, suspected witches, who died under mysterious circumstances outside her dorm in the school's distant past. As Felicity becomes closer to Ellis, an eccentric teen prodigy working on her second novel, the deaths circle closer, and Felicity begins to question both history and her sense of reality.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14+*

**Legrand, Claire. *Extasia*. 2022. 496p. Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780062696632).**

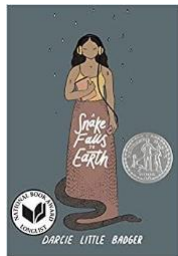
Amity has lived her entire life in the last settlement of mankind—Haven. There she is to be anointed a Saint by the High Elders, only to have her life turned upside down when she learns that a witch coven has been violently killing the men of Haven-- and that two of her fellow Saints are witches.



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 14+*

**Lippincott, Rachael and Derrick, Alyson. *She Gets the Girl*. 2022. 384p. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster. \$18.99 (9781534493797).**

Molly has been in love with Cora Myers for years, and they're starting college at UPitt together this fall—the only problem is, she's too anxious to actually speak to her. Enter confident Alex, who, for reasons of her own, offers up a five step plan to make any girl fall for you. This romantic comedy of errors is filled with roller skating, awkward texts, and a love story to remember.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 12-18*

**Little Badger, Darcie. *A Snake Falls to Earth*. 2021. 352p. Levine Querido/Chronicle Books. \$18.99 (9781646140923).**

Nina believes in the old Lipan stories that her family has told her, so when Oli, a cottonmouth snake person and his friends visit her world seeking help, she knows this is a chance for her to save her grandmother and repair some of the damage being done to the spirit world.



*Fiction - Historical, Ages 12+*

**Locke, Katherine. *This Rebel Heart*. 2022. 448p. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593381243).**

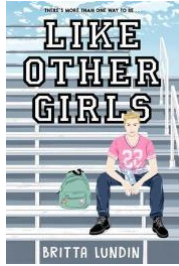
For Csilla, living in Communist Hungary after World War II, the Duna is a magical river that protected her family from the Holocaust as a child. Now, as whispers of resistance grow, gay Hungarians are “disappearing” into the night, and the secret police who murdered her parents follow her every step, Csilla meets Azriel, the mysterious angel of death, and must decide what role she will play in the coming revolution.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14+*

**Lukens, F.T. *So This is Ever After*. 2022. 352p. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster. \$19.99 (9781534496866).**

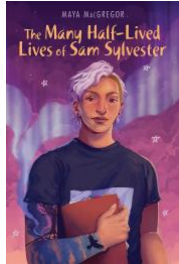
Arek, the Chosen One, completed the prophecy, beheaded the Vile One, and saved the kingdom with his band of friends. So what comes next? Arek would like to confess his love to his best friend, Matt, and ride off into the sunset together. But when the rightful heir to the throne is not found, Arek becomes king and only has three months to marry and bind his soul to another or risk fading away forever.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14-18*

**Lundin, Britta. *Like Other Girls*. 2021. 384p. Disney-Hyperion/Hatchet Book Group. \$17.99 (9781368039925).**

After being kicked off the girl's basketball team for fighting, Mara joins the football team and accidentally starts a movement, much to the alarm of her family and conservative small town. She faces harassment, ostracization, and her own rigid ideas about gender in this powerful story about football and friendship.



*Fiction - Mystery, Ages 12+*

**\* MacGregor, Maya. *The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester*. 2022. 360p. Astra Young Readers/Astra Publishing House, Ltd. \$17.99 (9781635923599).**

After nearly being killed by their schoolmates in a hate motivated assault, autistic, nonbinary Sam starts over at a new school in a new state. However, their fascination with the "half-lived lives" of people who died before age nineteen only grows as they move into a house where a teenage boy mysteriously died 30 years ago. When Sam begins to investigate the death, the town pushes back, and Sam finds themselves in new danger.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14+*

**Maldonado, Crystal. *No Filter and Other Lies*. 2022. 336p. Holiday House/Holiday House Publishing. \$18.99 (9780823447183).**

To escape her boring existence as a sixteen year old living in Bakersfield, California, Max creates a double life as a twenty one year old influencer on Instagram. When she meets Elena, a follower who she finds herself getting close to, it gets harder to keep up with the lies.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14-18*

**Marie, Racquel. *Ophelia After All*. 2022. 352p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781250797308)**

When "boy crazy" Ophelia Rojas develops secret feelings for her friend Talia, her whole world is thrown into chaos. She struggles to navigate her parents' and friends' expectations, while reconciling her new feelings with the details of her long-held fantasies about falling in love.



*Fiction - Horror, Ages 12+*

**Marsh, Sarah Glenn. *The Girls Are Never Gone*. 2021. 336p. Razorbill/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9781984836151).**

Supernatural skeptic Dare must keep her beliefs to herself or else her paranormal investigation podcast will lose listeners. When she decides to investigate the Arrington Estate where a legendary drowning victim is said to still roam, unexplainable, spine chilling encounters will make her question everything.





*Fiction - Realistic, Age 14+*

**McCarthy, Cory. *Man o'War*. 2022. 336p. Dutton Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593353707).**

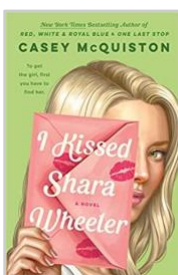
On a school field trip to SeaPlanet, River has a chance encounter with an out and proud queer person who they are instantly drawn to. This sets River on a multi-year journey of self-discovery where the answers don't come easily to the trans Arab American teen swimmer.



*Fiction - Magical Realism, Ages 13-18*

**McLemore, Anna-Marie. *Lakelore*. 2022. 304p. Feiweil & Friends/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781250624147).**

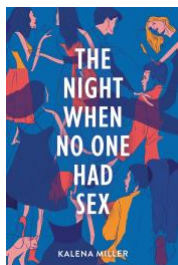
Two main characters deal with issues ranging from ADHD and dyslexia, to trans identities and racism. All of this while dealing with a bizarre phenomenon of a city under a lake that only they can see.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 13-18*

**McQuiston, Casey. *I Kissed Shara Wheeler*. 2022. 368p. Wednesday Books/Macmillan. \$19.99 (9781250244451).**

When Shara Wheeler disappears on prom night, she leaves a trail of clues for the three people she kissed the previous week: her boyfriend, the boy next door, and Chloe, her academic rival and nemesis. A hilarious and bittersweet high school movie of a book about being queer in small-town Alabama.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 13-18*

**Miller, Kalena. *The Night When No One Had Sex*. 2021. 336p. AW Teen/Albert Whitman & Company. \$17.99 (9780807556276).**

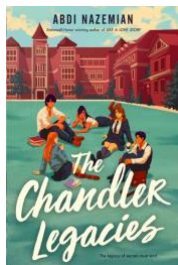
Told from the perspective of four friends whose prom night does not go as expected.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14-18*

**Mosqueda, Andrea. *Just Your Local Bisexual Disaster*. 2022. 352p. Feiweil & Friends/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781250822055).**

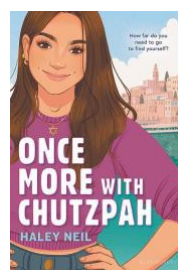
Maggie needs a date to her little sister's quince, but can't decide between three of her friends who to ask. In order to figure it out, she starts a secret Instagram for her final art project to document her complicated feelings towards her best friend (and first crush), her ex-boyfriend, and the cute new girl.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 13+*

**Nazemian, Abdi. *The Chandler Legacies*. 2022. 336p. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780063039322).**

At an elite private school, five students are chosen for a select writing group, The Circle, each year. The teens chosen this year are very different and don't get along at the beginning. Throughout the year, they become a family and learn to rely on each other.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 12+*

**Neil, Haley. *Once More with Chutzpah*. 2022. 352p. Bloomsbury YA/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781547607099).**

When Tally signs her and her twin brother up for a trip to Israel, she hopes that it will help Max heal after his tragic car wreck that took the life of his passenger. What Tally doesn't account for is that this trip could help her with her own personal struggles, and maybe she can find her own healing.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14-18*

**Neilson, Riss M. *Deep in Providence*. 2022. 480p. Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)/Macmillan \$18.99 (9781250788528).**

After their friend Jasmine is killed by a drunk driver, Natalie, Miliani and Inez can feel her spirit lingering. Shaken by loss, Miliani turns to her family's Filipino magical tradition and convinces the friends to attempt a resurrection in this haunting exploration of friendship, magic, and grief.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14+*

**Oseman, Alice. *I Was Born for This*. 2022. 384p. Scholastic Press/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$18.99 (9781338830934).**

Best friends Jimmy, Rowan, and Lister are members of the boy band The Arc. Already popular in Europe, the band is about to sign a new contract to bring The Arc to an American audience. Jimmy already struggles with his mental health, and the anxiety induced by the new contract is sending him spiraling. Meanwhile, ultra-fan Angel Rahimi is excited to meet her online friend Juliet IRL and see The Arc in concert. When Angel meets Jimmy and the rest of the band, they are nothing like she believed.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14+*

**\* Oseman, Alice. *Loveless*. 2022. 432p. Scholastic Press/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$18.99 (9781338751932).**

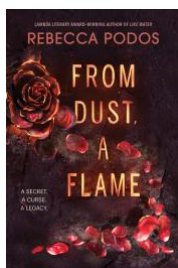
After a disastrous prom night, Georgia is determined to find love at University. But Georgia has never been in love before; she hasn't even had her first kiss! Unsure of what kind of person she's attracted to, Georgia starts to date one of her best friends, Jason, only to discover she is aromantic and asexual.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14+*

**Pacat, C.S. *Dark Rise*. 2021. 464p. Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins. \$18.99 (9780062946140).**

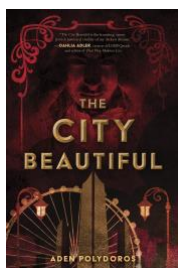
In a land where magic is forgotten, Will is in hiding and just trying to survive. When he hears of a prophecy of his future in the battle of Light and Dark, he joins descendants of old heroes to stop the Dark King.



*Fiction - Paranormal, Ages 14+*

**Podos, Rebecca. *From Dust, a Flame*. 2022. 416p. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780062699060).**

On Hannah's seventeenth birthday, she awakes to find herself transformed overnight, with golden eyes with knife slit pupils, not unlike that of a reptile. Every morning Hannah awakes to find a new transformation until her mother leaves, assuring Hannah and her brother Gabe that she knows someone who can help. When Hannah's mom never returns, she and Gabe take it upon themselves to find their mother and an explanation for the transformations.



*Fiction - Historical, Ages 13+*

**\* Polydoros, Aden. *The City Beautiful*. 2021. 480p. Inkyard Press/HarperCollins. \$19.99 (9781335402509).**

Alter Rosen lives in Chicago's Jewish community during the 1893 World's Fair. When a friend and roommate, Yakov, turns up dead, Alter is possessed by his dybbuk and must team up with a boy from his past to investigate the string of missing Jewish boys from his neighborhood to save both the neighborhood and himself.



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 14+*

**Quinlan, Skye. *Forward March*. 2022. 288p. Page Street Kids/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781645674405).**

Harper McKinley has enough to worry about this year, with her Republican dad running for re-election and her mom being the headmistress of her private school. Then she finds out someone has been using her face on a fake profile and sexting with the drumline captain, Margot. The more Harper gets to know Margot, the more she realizes that maybe this catfish plot wasn't so bad. What could go wrong?



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 13+*

**Reyes, Sonora. *The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School*. 2022. 400p. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins. \$18.99 (9780063060234).**

On the surface, Yami's decision to transfer to a mostly white Catholic school was to help her brother stay out of trouble, but she's also using it as a chance to leave a ruined relationship behind her. Her plan to avoid bullying by pretending to be straight is quickly ruined when she meets the openly queer, smart, and beautiful Bo.





*Fiction - Magical Realism, Ages 14-18*

**Romasco-Moore, Mar. *I Am the Ghost in Your House*. 2022. 432p. Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593177211).**

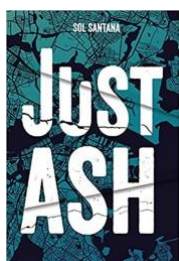
Pie and her mother are invisible, and they spend their lives living quietly in other people's homes. When her mother disappears, Pie is desperate for answers. She returns to the house where her mother disappeared and accidentally reveals her presence to Denise. Through their friendship, Pie learns that the invisible life she has led may not be filled with the best choices.



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 14+*

**Salvatore, Steven. *And They Lived...* 2022. 384p. Bloomsbury YA/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781547608195).**

When Chase, a hopeless romantic, meets Jack, a no-nonsense poet, a romance blossoms between them, but with Chase's body dysmorphia and Jack's internalized homophobia, there might be too much for them to overcome.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14-18*

**\* Santana, Sol. *Just Ash*. 2021. 224p. Carolrhoda Lab/Lerner Publishing Group. \$18.99 (9781541599246).**

Ash has always known he is intersex, but it's never been an issue. He knows he's a boy and was even raised as one. But when sixteen-year-old Ash suddenly gets his first period during soccer practice, his parents and pediatrician all say that Ash needs to live as a girl. Now Ash feels like he's in the wrong skin, forced to present as a girl and bullied by his classmates.



*Fiction - Romance, Ages 13+*

**Scelsa, Kate. *Improbable Magic for Cynical Witches*. 2022. 320p. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins. \$17.99 (9780062465030).**

Reluctant to delve into witchcraft, Eleanor finds herself intrigued when an invitation to explore real magic arrives. As Pix and her coven of witches become Eleanor's new friends she finds herself falling into a potential new romance, but her tragic past threatens her new friendships and romance.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14+*

**Schneider, Robyn. *The Other Merlin*. 2021. 432p. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593351024).**

In this reimagining of Camelot, Emmett Merlin receives a summons to be the new court wizard to Prince Arthur. Yet the night before he is to leave for court, he gets knocked out from his own spell gone-awry, leaving his more magically adept twin Emery to disguise herself as Emmett until the two can switch places. But when their two-week switch becomes permanent, Emery ends up falling for Prince Arthur and learning the truth about her father, the first court wizard Merlin.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14-18*

**Schwartz, E. J. *Before We Were Blue*. 2021. 336p. Flux/NorthStarEdition. \$11.99 (9781635830699).**

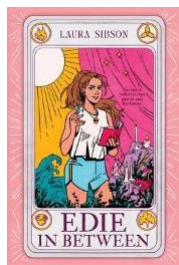
In a rehab center for girls with eating disorders, two patients quickly become close friends, with Rowan, a lifelong anorexic, developing a growing infatuation for Shoshanna, a cheerleader. But their closeness makes motivation to recover difficult, since leaving the center means leaving each other and going back to their difficult lives, where they both have secrets they're keeping from each other.



*Fiction - Historical, Ages 14-18*

**\* Shaw, Tucker. *When You Call My Name*. 2022. 268p. Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781250624864).**

Set in New York City in 1990, Adam and Callum meet and fall in love. At least, Adam thought they were in love. Ben is new to the city and is starting to come into his own as a gay teen. When Callum disappears, Adam is heartbroken and unsure of what went wrong. Eventually, Adam finds Callum in a hospital for those with HIV and AIDS. As Adam and Ben work through trauma, loss, and friendship, we see them discover that love is truly a gift and not always perfect.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 12+*

**Sibson, Laura. *Edie in Between*. 2021. 384p. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780451481146).**

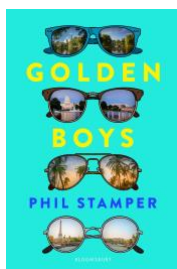
In Edie's family of witches, it's normal to see the ghosts of family members who have passed, but after the death of her mother, the last thing Edie wants is to live with her grandmother who fully embraces the presence of lost loved ones. When she meets an unexpected new crush, Rhia, the two of them end up on a scavenger hunt for magical objects that hold her mother's memory, and Edie must use her new knowledge of the past to protect her future.



*Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 12+*

**Spain, Chy Ryan and Kuhne, Sydney (illustrator). *Metatron's Children*. 2022. 135p. Flamingo Rampant/Orca Book Publishers. \$12.95 (9781999156275).**

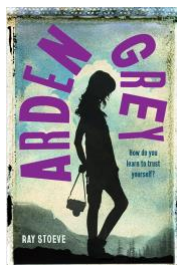
An afrofuturism tale of Yren, a nonbinary 12-year-old with gifted powers who lives in a small community, where their village is surviving after the collapse of society in the year of 2130. With their sibling Augi, they go on a journey to help ease the loss of their parents, and perhaps discover more about what happened to the rest of humanity.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 13+*

**Stamper, Phil. *Golden Boys*. 2022. 352p. Bloomsbury YA/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781547607372).**

As Gabe, Heath, Reese, and Sal go off on their own adventures before their final year of high school, each boy must come to terms with what their life will look like, what they are willing to let go, and what, or who, they aren't willing to give up. Told from the perspective of all four boys, we see each teen grow into their dreams and courage.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 12+*

**Stoeve, Ray. *Arden Grey*. 2022. 304p. Harry N. Abrams/ABRAMS. \$18.99 (9781419746000).**

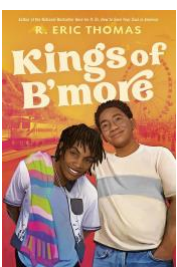
Arden is pretty sure that she is asexual and has told her best friend Jamie. When Jamie starts a relationship with his first girlfriend, his friendship with Arden is damaged, and Arden has to find friends instead of relying on Jamie.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 13-18*

**\* Thomas, Aiden. *The Sunbearer Trials*. 2022. 416p. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9781250822130).**

To make sure that Sol can continue to travel the skies and protect people from the evil Obsidian gods, The Sunbearer Trials are held. The winner gets to carry light to the the temples of Reino del Sol, but the loser is sacrificed to fuel the protective Sun Stones. When Teo, the trans son of Quetzal and a Jade, is unexpectedly selected to compete along with another Jade against the typical Gold heroes, they must both fight for their lives.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 12+*

**Thomas, R. Eric. *Kings of B'more*. 2022. 416p. Kokila/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593326183).**

Queer best friends Harrison and Linus thought they would be facing their final years of high school together, but when Linus unexpectedly announces that he's moving away, all of their plans are ruined. Harrison decides to pack as many experiences as he can into their final days together, and soon they find themselves on a mini road trip doing all the things they've been too afraid to do.



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14+*

**Thor, Rosiie. *Fire Becomes Her*. 2022. 368p. Scholastic Press/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$18.99 (9781338679113).**

In a dazzling magical world inspired by the 1920s, the poor drink flicker, imitation magic, in underground speakeasies, and the rich access powerful magic called flare. Ingrid has a plan to rise socially through her engagement to Linden, whose kind touch makes her uneasy, for reasons she can't fully articulate. To secure her perfect match, she acts as a spy for his father's political



campaign and discovers truths about wealth and magical privilege that she can't ignore.



*Fiction - Fantasy, 12+*

**Tooley, Adrienne. *Sofi and the Bone Song*. 2022. 416p. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster. \$18.99 (9781534484368).**

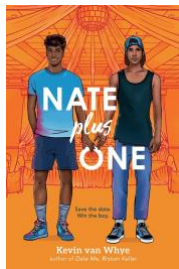
In Aell, a land cursed by eternal winter, Sofi wants nothing more than to be the next Musik, a title her father holds. But after she fails the audition and there's a terrible accident, she's left training novice Lara, the new Musik, on how to play the lute and compose epic songs while touring across the cold land.



*Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 12+*

**Valdes, David. *Spin Me Right Round*. 2022. 352p Bloomsbury YA/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781547607105).**

After learning that his boarding school will not support two prom kings, Luis inadvertently time travels back to the school when his mother and father were students. Stuck in 1985, Luis is determined to prevent the death of a closeted gay kid without hurting his own chances at returning to the future.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14+*

**Van Whye, Kevin. *Nate Plus One*. 2022. 256p. Random House Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593376423).**

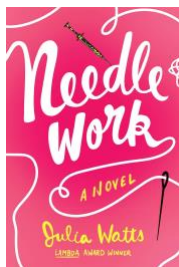
Nate loves writing music but is terrified of performing. When his best friend and crush, Jai, loses the lead singer of his band to a rival group right before an important show, Nate offers to face his fears and fill in the gap. In return, Jai agrees to go to a family wedding in South Africa with Nate so that he doesn't have to face his ex-boyfriend alone. Nate doesn't want to mess anything up between him and Jai, but how can he possibly keep his feelings to himself for the entire trip?



*Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 12+*

**Vedder, Leslie. *The Bone Spindle*. 2022. 416p. Razorbill/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593325827).**

Fi, a bookish treasure hunter, has found herself cursed. She seeks the help of her ex and the spirit of a sleeping prince to save her as magic and obstacles try to prevent her from breaking free.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 15+*

**Watts, Julia. *Needlework*. 2021. 288p Three Rooms Press/Ingram Publisher Services. \$15.00 (9781953103079).**

Living in rural Kentucky, Kody loves his Dolly Parton records and quilting, which he learned from his grandmother, who has raised him and his brother while their mother struggles with opioid addiction. Keeping his gayness, not to mention his box of women's clothing and make-up, a secret is plenty for Kody to deal with,

but when a half-sister he's never heard of reaches out on social media, many more secrets will come to light.



*Fiction - Horror, Ages 14+*

**White, Andrew Joseph. *Hell Followed With Us*. 2022. 416p. Peachtree Teen/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9781682633243).**

Raised in a fundamentalist religious cult that released Armageddon upon the world, sixteen-year-old trans boy Benji was unwillingly turned into a monster meant to be a weapon to cleanse the Earth. Terrified of this fate, Benji runs away, only to find shelter, and revenge, with a group of teens living in an abandoned LGBTQ+ center.



*Fiction - Historical, Ages 13+*

**Wilson, Kip. *The Most Dazzling Girl in Berlin*. 2022. 416p. Versify/HarperCollins. \$18.99 (9780358448907).**

Set in 1932 Germany, Hilde stumbles into a night club that welcomes her in after leaving the orphanage on her 18th birthday. With a new job and a new place to stay, Hilde finds the meaning of home and learns how to fall in love again after heartbreak.



*Fiction - Realistic, Ages 12+*

**Winters, Julian. *Right Where I Left You*. 2022. 400p. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House. \$18.99 (9780593206478).**

Recently graduated Isaac is ready to spend the summer doing everything with his best friend Diego, but when he gets distracted by Davi, his highschool crush, and misses the opportunity to buy their tickets for Legends Con, Isaac feels he has ruined everything. Desperate to make it up to Diego, he pushes through his social anxiety and tries to fit in with Diego's queer gamer friends, but the allure of a relationship with Davi proves to be too much to ignore.



*Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 14+*

**Zhao, Xiran Jay. *Iron Widow*. 2021. 400p. Penguin Teen Canada/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780735269934).**

The kingdom of Huaxia uses Chrysalises - large iron machines that are piloted by a psychic link between men and women- to fight against mecha aliens that lurk beyond the Great Wall. Unfortunately, few seem to care that the female pilots die from the experience. After losing her sister, Zetian is determined to exact revenge and take down the misogynistic system any way possible.



*Novel in Verse, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14+*

**Atta, Dean. *Only on the Weekends*. 2022. 560p. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins. \$18.99 (9780063157989).**

As one of the few out people at his school, Mack thought he would not have a boyfriend in high school. When he finally finds someone, Mack must accept that his boyfriend is not comfortable being out to his friends. When Mack meets Fin

and starts to fall for him, he goes from no possible relationships to trying to juggle two.



*Novel in Verse, Fiction - Romance, Ages 14-18*

**Gow, Robin. *A Million Quiet Revolutions*. 2022. 336p. Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)/Macmillan. \$18.99 (9780374388416).**

Two trans boys fall in love after years of friendship, but when one of them moves away they seek comfort in the untold stories of trans soldiers during the Revolutionary war as they confront their own stories.



*Novel in Verse, Fiction - Romance, Ages 14+*

**\* Woodfolk, Ashley. *Nothing Burns as Bright as You*. 2022. 288p. Versify/HarperCollins. \$18.99 (9780358655350).**

Told in memories over the course of one tumultuous day, this is the story of female friendship, first love, and personal reflection as the narrator learns that all decisions have consequences.



*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Paranormal, Ages 14-18*

**Arroyo, Jeannette and Graham, Ren. *Blackwater*. 2022. 304p. Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)/Macmillan. \$25.99 (9781250304025).**

Track star Tony and frequently sick Eli become unlikely friends when strange supernatural occurrences begin to happen in their small town.



*Graphic Novels, Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 13-17*

**Exelrod, Jadzia and Taylor, Jess (illustrator). *Galaxy: The Prettiest Star*. 2022. 208p. DC Comics/Penguin Random House. \$16.99 (9781401298531).**

An alien princess is disguised as a young man in order to hide from her enemies, but when a new girl enters her life she finds she no longer wants to hide who she is and desires to reveal her true self as the Galaxy, Crowned Princess from the planet Cyandii.

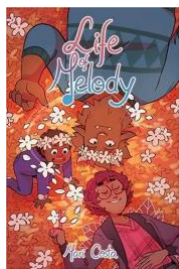


*Graphic Novels, Fiction - Historical, Ages 14+*

**Backer, Joris Bas. *Kisses For Jet: A Coming-of-Gender Story*. 2022. 208p. Nobrow/Penguin Random House. \$19.99 (9781913123031).**

It's 1999, and Jet is sent to a boarding house to finish the school year while their mom is away for work. As Jet struggles to adjust to being around new kids in a new environment, they begin to feel like maybe they just aren't like the girls in their class.

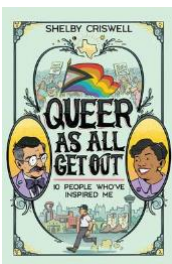




*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14+*

**Costa, Mari. *Life of Melody*. 2021. 180p. Seven Seas/Penguin Random House. \$15.99 (9781648276491).**

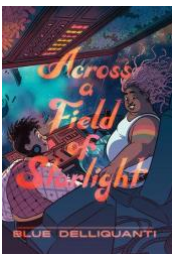
When a fairy godfather and a large beastish / ogre find a human baby they decide to raise the child together. At first, they hate each other, but raising Melody brings them closer together. This is a story of unexpectedly finding a chosen family.



*Graphic Novel, Nonfiction - Biography, Ages 13-18*

**Criswell, Shelby. *Queer as All Get Out: 10 People Who've Inspired Me*. 2021. 192p. Street Noise Books/Consortium Book Sales & Distribution. \$18.99 (9781951491079).**

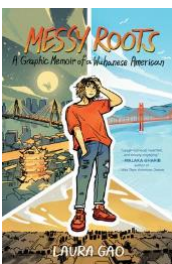
Shelby Criswell, the author and artist of this book, interweaves personal experiences of living as a genderqueer person in the south with stories about the historical queer people who inspired them. Criswell shines a light on many queer figures who may not be as well known and celebrates their activism for the LGBTQIA+ community.



*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 12+*

**Delliquanti, Blue. *Across a Field of Starlight*. 2022. 352p. Random House Graphic/Penguin Random House. \$23.99 (9780593124147).**

Two nonbinary teens are caught up in a cosmic war, in this sweeping sci-fi graphic novel adventure. Fassen, a soldier in training, and Lu, a scientist from a pacifist colony, meet by chance as children. Against all odds, they stay in touch, but when they meet again, they find themselves on opposing sides of an interstellar conflict.



*Graphic Novel, Nonfiction - Memoir, Ages 14+*

**Gao, Laura. *Merry Roots: A Graphic Memoir of a Wuhanese American*. 2022. 272p. Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins. \$22.99 (9780063067776).**

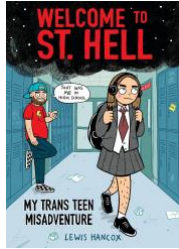
Author Laura Gao shares her first generation immigrant experience, detailing her childhood spent with her grandparents and cousins in Wuhan, China, and her school-years in Texas with her parents and younger brother. As one of the only Asians in her class, Gao struggles to fit in with her white peers and doesn't feel she belongs until she meets other Asian-American immigrants and LGBTQ+ folks in college.



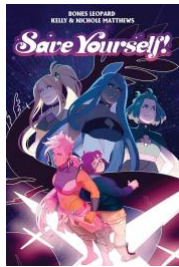
*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fairy Tales, Ages 12+*

**Gillman, Melanie. *Other Ever Afters: New Queer Fairy Tales*. 2022. 240p. Random House Graphic/Penguin Random House. \$17.99 (9780593303184).**

A collection of new fairy tales that capture the magic of the classics while subverting many of the outdated tropes of the genre. These new tales bring a fresh, diverse cast of characters that many readers can relate to.



*Graphic Novel, Nonfiction - Memoir, Ages 14+*  
**Hancox, Lewis. *Welcome to St. Hell: My Trans Teen Misadventure*. 2022. 304p. Graphix/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$14.99 (9781338824438).**  
 In a graphic memoir written to his past self, Lewis Hancox tells his story of growing up as a teenage girl and his journey to discovering his true self.



*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Science Fiction, Ages 12+*  
**Leopard, Bones, Matthews, Kelly (illustrator) and Matthews, Nichole (illustrator). *Save Yourself!* 2022. 128p. BOOM! Box/Simon & Schuster. \$14.99 (9781684158119).**  
 Everyone on Earth idolizes The Lovely Trio, three magical space girls who fight monsters and defend humanity, including Gigi, whose brother died during one of their battles. This is until Gigi meets Mia, another magical space being, and Gigi begins to question everything she thought she knew about The Lovely Trio.



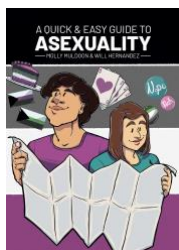
*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14-18.*  
**McCoola, Marika and Pandya, Aatmaja. *Slip*. 2022. 208p. Algonquin Young Readers/Workman. \$24.95 (9781643752495).**  
 Jade struggles to enjoy her time at art camp knowing her best friend, Phoebe has attempted suicide. As Jade attempts to create art, her pieces begin to come to life forcing her to confront the problems she has buried.



*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Paranormal, Ages 12+*  
**McCurdy, Bowen and Musto, Kaitlyn. *Specter Inspectors*. 2021. 208p. BOOM! Box/Simon & Schuster. \$14.99 (9781684157402).**  
 Social media ghost hunters, Specter Inspectors, are determined to gather evidence that ghosts are real. What better location than the most haunted town in America for their latest upload? As the group investigates, their relationships are put to the test when they encounter more than what they bargained for including a century's old town secret.



*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 12+*  
**Milledge, Sas. *Mamo*. 2022. 224p. BOOM! Box/Simon & Schuster. \$14.99 (9781684158171).**  
 Orla, a young hedge witch, comes home after the death of her grandmother, Mamo. She learns from one of the residents, a teenage girl named Jo, about the strange things that have been happening since Mamo's death. Working together, Orla and Jo go in search of Mamo's scattered bones so they can bury her properly and put things right.



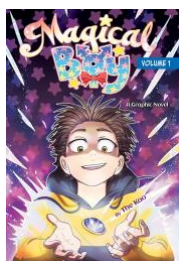
*Graphic Novel, Nonfiction - Informational, Ages 13+*  
**Muldoon, Molly and Hernandez, Will (illustrator). *A Quick & Easy Guide to Asexuality*. 2022. 72p. Oni Press/Simon & Schuster. \$7.99 (9781620108598).**

This short comic gives a comprehensive guide to orientations under the asexual umbrella including asexuality and demisexuality.



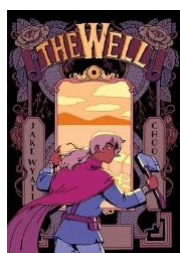
*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 14-18*  
**Searle, Sarah Winifred. *The Greatest Thing*. 2022. 352p. First Second/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781250297235).**

Winifred and her two best friends cope with the pressures of mental illness, eating disorders, and figuring out their sexualities during high school by co-creating comics and zines in this rich slice-of-life graphic novel.



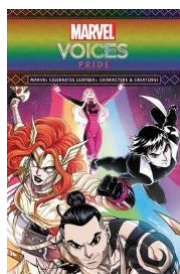
*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 12+*  
**The Kao. *Magical Boy, volume 1*. 2022. 230p. Graphix/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$24.99 (9781338775532).**  
**\_\_\_\_\_. *Magical Boy, volume 2*. 2022. 336p. Graphix/Scholastic (Trade Publishing). \$24.99 (9781338815979).**

Max, a young trans man, has his hands full with high school, coming out, and dealing with his unaccepting mother. Soon Max has even more to deal with when he learns that he is from a long line of Magical Girls and that their family cat, Walnut, is his magical talking sidekick. Is it possible for Max to fulfill his destiny and save the world while being true to himself?



*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy, Ages 14-18*  
**Wyatt, Jake and Choo (illustrator). *The Well*. 2022. 176p. First Second/Macmillan. \$17.99 (9781626724143).**

Upon stealing a handful of coins from a wishing well to end her debt, Lilly is instantly cursed. The well does not require repayment in coin, but instead in wishes sending the young woman on a journey to fulfill the hidden wishes of the coins she stole.



*Graphic Novel, Fiction - Superhero, Ages 13+*  
**Roché, Angélique (consulting editor), Grünwald, Jennifer (collection editor), and Kirchhoffer, Daniel (assistant editor). *Marvel Voices: Pride*. 2022. 232p. Marvel/Hachette Book Group. \$24.99 (9781302933692).**

A diverse collection of excerpts from Marvel Comics' various queer superhero stories, from the appearance of the first openly gay hero Northstar, to teen America Chavez, a lesbian who fights as Ms. America. Contains short essays that explain the history of LGBTQ+ superheroes in comics and why it is important to tell their stories.





*Manga, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 13+*

**Furuya, Nagisa. *The Two Lions*. 2021. 258p. Seven Seas/Penguin Random House. \$13.99 (9781648273834).**

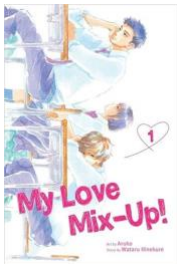
Trying to break away from his bad reputation, Leo starts university far away from home, but soon finds himself in a friendship with Junpei, someone who went to the same high school as him. Will Leo's reputation define him in Junpei's eye or will their friendship be able to grow into something more?



*Manga, Fiction - Romance, Ages 16+*

**Haru, Tsuchida. *Puppy Love*. 2022. 240p. LOVE x LOVE/TOKYOPOP. \$14.99 (9781427871213).**

Overworked Inukai has always wanted a dog. When he visits the pet store on his day off, he meets the enthusiastic, if not slightly strange, pet-store employee Hoshi who encourages him to get a pet. When Inukai does get a dog, Hoshi assists Inukai, even becoming his pet-sitter. But when Inukai and Hoshi become closer, Hoshi tells the truth—he was a dog in his past life and remembers Hoshi saving him one cold winter. Hoshi is determined to pay back Inukai for his kindness, and while Inukai doesn't remember helping any dogs at all, he loves having Hoshi around.



*Manga, Fiction - Romance, Ages 13+*

**Hinekure, Wataru and Aruko. *My Love Mix-Up! Vol.1*. 2021. 176p. VIZ Media LLC. \$9.99 (9781974725274).**

\_\_\_\_\_. *My Love Mix-Up! Vol. 2*. 2022. 184p. VIZ Media LLC/. \$9.99 (9781974725281).

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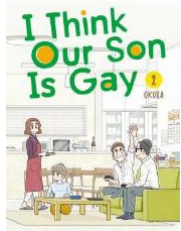
Trying to save the girl he likes from the embarrassment of Ida finding out she has a crush on him, Aoki pretends that he's the one with feelings for Ida. Ida takes Aoki's confession seriously and promises to seriously consider the two of them having a relationship. Through a series of mix-ups, both Aoki and Ida find themselves unsure of where they stand with each other; are they becoming good friends? Or is this leading to something more?



*Manga, Fiction - Romance, Ages 13+*

**Ohsawa, Yayoi. *Hello, Melancholic! Vol. 1*. 2022. 172p. Seven Seas/Penguin Random House. \$13.99 (9781648278853).**

Minato loves playing music, but she's more comfortable fading into the background. Then Minato attracts the attention of Hibiki, who wants her to join her all-girl musical combo. Can Minato let go of her past and allow herself to make music again?



*Manga, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 13+*

**Okura. *I Think Our Son is Gay, Vol. 2.* 2021. 128p. Square Enix Manga/Penguin Random House. \$12.99 (9781646091126).**

**\_\_\_\_. *I Think Our Son is Gay, Vol. 3.* 2022. 128p. Square Enix Manga/Penguin Random House. \$12.99 (9781646091263).**

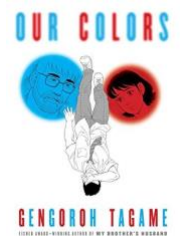
Tomoko keeps a loving and watchful eye over her two sons, particularly high schooler Hiroki who's trying to keep his sexuality a secret but isn't doing a very good job at it. With support from Tomoko, Hiroki is safely able to experience the ups and downs of having a crush on his best friend and navigating life as a teenager.



*Manga, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 16+*

**Shirono, Honami. *I Want to be a Wall, Vol. 1.* 2022. 144p. Yen Press. \$15.00 (9781975338961).**

Recent newlyweds Yuriko and Gakurouta are not what you would expect in a typical married couple. Yuriko is an asexual woman with a passion for Boys Love stories, and Gakurouta is a gay man who will always love his childhood best friend. Nevertheless, they begin to have a wonderful relationship where they enjoy each other's company even without having any romantic interest in each other.



*Manga, Fiction - Realistic, Ages 16+*

**Gengoroh, Tagame. *Our Colors.* 2022. 528p. Pantheon/Penguin Random House. \$32.50 (9781524748562).**

Sora Itoda is secretly in love with his classmate Yoshioka. Nobody in his life knows that Sora is gay, including his parents and childhood friend Nao. While skipping art club one day, Sora falls asleep by the sea only to wake to an older man professing his love. Not knowing if it was a dream, Sora follows him into a run-down café and learns that while the love confession was meant for someone else, the man, Amamiya, is also gay. The two form a bond, and Amamiya helps Sora come to terms with his sexuality.